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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS.

RESOLVED, That this Convention recognize the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY *as the established organ of the entire trade, and recommend it to publishers as the medium through which they should make their "first announcement" of books they propose to publish, and the full title of all books immediately on publication.*—AMERICAN BOOK-TRADE ASSOCIATION.

HENRY B. ASHMEAD, Philadelphia.

Charles O'Malley, the Irish Dragoon. By Charles Lever. *New Lib. ed.*, with 2 ills. by F. O. C. Darley. 12°. $1.50. (*May* 1.)

GOLDEN RULE PUB. CO., Boston.

The Adirondack Tales. By W. H. H. Murray. Vol. 1. 12°, pp. 450. $1.50.

HURD & HOUGHTON, New York.

Winter Sunshine. By John Burroughs. *Second ed.*, rev. and enl. With frontispiece. 16°. $1.50. (*Early in May.*)

Birds and Poets. With other Papers. By John Burroughs. 16°, pp. 263. $1.50. (*About May* 1.)

KELLY, PIET & CO., Baltimore.

Biographical Sketches of Distinguished Marylanders. 12°. $1.50. (*May* 1.)

Our Faith, the Victory; or, a Comprehensive View of the Principal Doctrines of the Christian Religion. By the late Rt. Rev. John McGill, Bishop of Richmond, Va. *Third ed.* $1.50; pap., 75 c. (*May* 10.)

HENRY C. LEA, Phila.

Browne on the Ophthalmoscope. With 35 ill. Sm. 12°.

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How they Strike Me, these Authors. By J. C. Heywood, A.M., author of "Herodias," "Antonius," "Salome," "How Will it End?" etc. 12°.

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Reports of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Ct. of the District of Columbia, Term of 1875 and 1876. Vol. II. By Arthur McArthur. 8°, pp. 800. $5.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE SOC., New York.

The Brewer's Fortune. By M. D. Chellis. $1.50.

Alcohol: As Food and Medicine. Papers read before the International Medical Congress in Philadelphia, Sept., 1876. By Ezra M. Hunt, M.D.

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The Latimer Family; or, The Bottle and the Pledge. A Temperance Story. By T. S. Arthur. With 8 full-page Ill. 8°. 50 c. (*May.*)

My Son's Wife. By the author of "Caste," etc. Peterson's Dollar Series, Vol. 2. 12°, pp. 437. $1. (*May.*)

The Wife's Trials. A Novel. By Miss Pardoe. [*New ed.*] 8°. $1; pap., 75 c. (*May.*)

The Flirt; or, The Life of a Young Lady of Fashion. By the author of "The Gambler's Wife," "A Marriage in High Life," etc. [*New ed.*] 8°. $1; pap., 75 c. (*May.*)

PORTER & COATES, Phila.

Recollections of Samuel Breck. With Passages from his Note-book (1771–1862). Ed. by Horace E. Scudder. 12°. $2. (*May* 1.)

Life of Benjamin Silliman, M.D., LL.D., late Prof. of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology in Yale Coll. Chiefly from his Manuscript Reminiscences, Diaries and Correspondence. By George P. Fisher, Prof. in Yale Coll. *New ed.*, compl. in one vol. Illustr. Cr. 8°. Roxburgh, $2.50. (*Soon.*)

The Ladies' and Gentlemen's Etiquette: A Complete Manual of the Manners and Dress of American Society; Containing Forms of Letters, Invitations, Acceptances and Regrets. With a Copious Index. By Mrs. E. B. Duffey, author of "What Women Should Know," "No Sex in Education," etc. 12°. $1.50. (*Soon.*)

Butter and Butter Making, with the Best Methods for Producing and Marketing It. By Willis P. Hazard, Pres. of the Chadd's Ford Farmers' Club, author of "The Jersey, Alderney, and Guernsey Cow," etc. Illustr. 12°. Pap., 25 c. (*Soon.*)

CHAS. F. ROPER, 11 Bible House, New York.

The Princess Ogherof. From the French of Henry Greville.

Dosia. From the French of Henry Greville. (*Shortly.*)

T. WHITTAKER, New York.

A Second Volume of Dr. Muhlenberg's Papers. Comprising Addresses, Lectures, and Sermons, from his Writings, during the last Fifty Years. Compiled by Anne Ayres, Sister Supt. of St. Luke's Hospital and St. Johnland. 8°, pp. 450. $1.75.

WM. H. YOUNG, Troy, N. Y.

Historical Sketches of Northern New York and the Adirondack Wilderness: including Traditions of the Indians, Early Explorers, Pioneer Settlers, Hermit Hunters, etc. By Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester, of the Troy Bar. 8°, pp. 316. $2. (*May* 20.)

THE SCHOOL-BOOK QUESTION.

A BILL "to secure uniformity of text-books to be used in the common schools of the State, and to reduce the cost of the same," is now in the House in Illinois. It is different from any of the other text-book bills. It provides for a "school text-book commission," to consist of Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney-General, *ex-officio*, and four others, to be appointed by the Governor, not more than two of whom shall be professional teachers, to serve for four years. $5000 fine and a year's imprisonment is provided against interest in contracts or supplies or in school-book houses on the part of commissioners, who are to take the State oath and serve without pay. They are to meet at the capital within twenty days of appointment, and shall advertise in one daily paper each in Chicago, New York, and Philadelphia for sealed proposals for any or all of the usual series of books to be used in the State for the ensuing six years. Bidders must furnish bonds. All qualities of the books shall be taken into consideration, but no bid shall be considered at less than 40 off present retail price. Books are to be delivered to county clerks, on order of the State Superintendent, and 102 sample copies are to be furnished for their use in comparison. The school directors of each district shall designate, prior to the 15th of March of each year, the number of books needed for the year ensuing, and on or before the 15th of May the State Superintendent shall make requisition on the contractors. The several officers are required to keep full accounts. On the delivery of shipping receipts for the goods, the State will pay the contractor directly out of a fund of $200,000, set apart for the purpose. The State Superintendent shall fix a price upon each book to cover cost of transmission, and retail dealers may purchase from the local directors at the price paid by the State, provided they will undertake to sell single copies at prices not exceeding fifteen per cent profit. No other text-books shall be used in the public schools, except when city boards have special charters, and except in higher studies not covered by these books. In case they are not introduced in any township, the school fund shall be withheld. If passed, the act is to take effect immediately.

In Ohio the first bill introduced was lost by a tie vote, but we hear that a second bill has some chance of passing.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

"*A DISGUSTED BOOKSELLER.*"

———, N. Y., April 23, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

What shall a country bookseller do when his customers can buy the latest publications in Boston at from 25 to 30 per cent discount, and when his jobbers sell to his own customers at 20 to 30 per cent?

Four of my customers were in this A.M., and in speaking of prices assured me of above facts. They need no comment.

Again, a certain $4 (retail?) publication has been sent to single subscribers—not agents, postmasters, or clubs—at $3.34, while we pay $3. Wherefore? I have always maintained the pleasing "fiction" of retail prices, but with these facts staring one in the face, I think I shall offer all standard works at, say, 30 per cent, and throw in a set of Crandall on all purchases of $3 and upwards as a premium! What say you?

If publishers are determined to sacrifice us, why not then begin war on our part? Something must be done, and the question is, what can be done? As the first step, the country bookseller should patronize only those publishers who strictly hold to the retail price in the retail trade—if such an one can be found!

A DISGUSTED BOOKSELLER.

THE TRADE SALE.

A CITY publisher sends us a communication received this week from prominent country dealers.

LATEST TELEGRAM FROM BOSTON!

RESULT OF TRADE SALE!!

LONG LIVE THE KING!!!

[Here follows one of the advertisements referred to on a previous page, with the note:]

Adv. in a country newspaper. Good for "small dealers."

The Publishers' Weekly.

APRIL 28, 1877.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"*Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto.*"—LORD BACON.

BOOKSELLING AS A PROFESSION.

WE are furnished this week with an editorial ready-made, which *The Bookseller*, London, quotes from the *West Middlesex Advertiser*. We trust the American trade, as well as the English, will take it to heart.

"Time was when to be a bookseller was next door to being a member of one of the liberal professions; but booksellers such as lived in olden times, if not extinct, are becoming rarer every day; and we venture to suggest to those gentleman who are so patriotically seeking to avert the extermination of some of our native species of wild fowl, whether it would not be possible, by an ingeniously-drawn Act of Parliament to do something for the preservation of the bookseller. It is quite possible that the pages of the Directory occupied with the names of those who profess to carry on this business are increasing rather than diminishing in number; but as all who write verses are not poets, and all who paint pictures are not artists, so all who sell books are not, in the old sense of the word, booksellers.

"A bookseller used to be a man not only thoroughly familiar with the books of the day (their souls as well as their bodies), but, further than this, he was an authority who was appealed to on matters connected with bibliography and literary history with as much confidence as a lawyer is consulted on a point of law. A bookseller of to-day is very often a man who might just as well be a cheesemonger or a pork-butcher for any thing that he knows or cares about books, and so far from being capable of guiding or advising his customers, they have sometimes no little trouble in making him understand a requirement that lies just outside the current of popular demand. And the cause of this degeneracy is not far to seek. The undignified and unneighborly scramble for custom, in which each man's object is to give away a larger discount 'in the shilling' than any body else, and thus to do more than others to make the publisher's estimate of his book's value a dead letter and an absurdity, is what a man of the mental calibre of the old booksellers will not take part in.

"A bookseller's shop conducted on this principle sinks to the level of a railway bookstall. Its owner cannot afford to keep a stock which will give an opportunity for wide and intelligent choice, but covers his counter with mammoth piles of the publications of to-day and yesterday, such as are most likely to indemnify him for his 'small profits' by 'quick returns.' Unless booksellers can be found who will have the courage to stand out of the scramble, and be content to serve such customers as are willing to pay a fair price for their books, and desirous of dealing with a man whose knowledge of his business will be an aid to them in getting what they want, we shall fear, in spite of the evidence of the Directory, that the race is becoming extinct."

A CHIEF argument for the trade sale is its usefulness for advertising purposes. How it advertises books may now be seen in the New York and Boston papers. Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co. advertise in the *Tribune* trade-sale stock at reduced prices, and offer to buyers a list on which are not only the leading lines of Osgood books, at from a fifth to a third or more off, retail, but Froude's England, Bancroft's United States, etc., at similar rates. Messrs. Estes & Lauriat announce in the *Advertiser* "60 boxes of books at 40 to 60 per cent below publishers' prices. Now opening, the best collection of standard works ever purchased at spring trade sale," comprising works of leading copyright authors named. And so on. These are regular houses, who certainly are not "interlopers" in the book business, and who know something about it; the fact is, they bought at trade sale for the purpose of offering at low rates, and it is difficult to say, so long as publishers invite this slaughter, how they can be criticised for so doing. It is worth noting that the stock on which prices have been reduced suffers quite as much as the other; in other words, underselling is another question from "cheap books." The difficulty, some will say, is not so much in the trade sale as in talking about it, but when regular dealers buy for the purpose of talking about it in the biggest type of the daily papers, it is time for a candid admission that the trade sale is the real evil, and the advertising a necessary effect of this cause. This is also sufficient evidence that the evil of the trade sale is not confined to the books actually

sold there. The numerous auction, clearance sales, etc., lately, in the retail regular trade, are doubtless brought about largely by the underselling practices, which make it impossible to realize on stock except by the most forced sales.

THE influence is the same upon the wholesale trade. A prominent Boston publisher is authority for the story that a person who had $10,000 to $12,000 ready cash to put into the book business visited Boston lately and made small purchases from the several publishers to make up a test stock for his start. Just as the day was closing, he happened to pass by "the archway," and noticing the extraordinarily low prices of books (15 cents on the dollar?), looked over the stock and bought several hundred dollars' worth, wholesale at retail prices. In New York, the house above quoted have in their basement a wholesale list offering certain lines at a third and in some cases 40 off, in single copies to the trade, while the publishers or their New York agent must hold discounts stiff at a quarter or 30, by the terms of their announcement to the trade. This of course cuts off direct purchases from the publishers or from jobbers purchasing from them. Holding discounts stiff is in itself a thoroughly sound business idea, but it is impossible to do this when at the same time quantities of goods are thrown on the market at the "any price" of the auction-room.

AN easy method of swindling has been discovered by some clever thieves, one of whom has already cleverly made his way into the Tombs. Their plan was to copy the style of orders used by well-known firms, and obtain stationery and other goods on these orders. Baker & Pratt's and W. H. Hosford's were the orders chiefly used. The former house request the trade to honor only their signed orders, and not to deliver goods to bearer except there is special authorization. We suggest to the trade to be a little more careful both in their system of ordering and delivering.

IT seems as though the trade were losing an old friend as the familiar name Wilson, Hinkle & Co. is superseded by the style of the new firm. We congratulate the gentlemen retiring on being able to retire with a fortune—which few in the trade would be able to do. The old house has by great energy and sagacity built up a business which has given it a trade in school-books larger than any other in the country, and we trust the new house, though entering the busines in troublous times, will have as fortunate a record.

STATIONERY NOTES.

Brief descriptions of new goods, with small cuts illustrative of novelties, business changes, and personal notes, inserted without charge.

THE novel "Japanese stationery" has been introduced into this country by Messrs. Scribner & Co., who furnish it in three lines of decorations—the "Kiku" and "Mume" assorted for invitations and general correspondence; the black for full mourning, and the silver for light mourning. The first-named styles are decorated with designs respectively from the kiku or chrysanthemum flower, and the mume or plum-tree sprig and blossom, both being significant in the Japanese festivals as emblems of gayety and youth. The devices are in gold, silver, pale green and flesh tints, and are very elegant. The mourning stationery uses the "dead willow" and the bamboo, emblems of death and of immortality, in combination with a diaper pattern. The goods are in artistic boxes, containing two quires and packs, retailing at $3.00 each.

ALSTON ADAMS, Albany, N. Y., has just patented the most clever and neatest novelty in cardboard we have lately seen. It consists of an ornamentation of cardboard surfaces, so as to closely resemble the effect produced by embossing. This combination is produced by two or more sheets of paper, one of which is printed, water-marked, or ornamented with the pattern or design required, the others being blank sheets; so that when fastened together the design appears to be on the surface, and is perfectly distinguished, while the surfaces of the board can be highly finished without destroying the effect produced. This can be done with either coated or plain sheets, or in colors, as desired. It is an excellent board for the use of large corporations, railroad tickets, etc., as special designs or names can be worked in, preventing imitation. Mr. Arthur Bott is the superintendent of this manufactory.

THE Judges of Award at the Centennial Exhibition say of the exhibit of Joseph Parker, Son & Co., New Haven, Ct.: "This exhibit contains blotting-paper of two qualities, Treasury and Commercial, white and of various colors, and of many thicknesses, from light to the heaviest manufactured. The Treasury grade in cleanliness or freedom from fibre dust, in toughness, in pliability, and absorbent quality, surpasses all other blotting-paper brought to our notice in the Exhibition. The colors are varied and excellent, the absorbent quality extraordinary and conducive to economy in use."

ON the 23d instant the store of Perry & Co., 112 and 114 William street, New York, was broken into and several gross of their most valuable steel erasers, bearing the name of Perry & Co., were stolen. The trade should be cautious about buying the above goods, and they will confer a favor on the above-named house by causing the arrest of suspicious persons who may offer them.

S. A. TOWER & CO., corner Broadway and Duane street, New York, have a large line of wood splints used by the ladies for making frames. They are in all sizes in white, brown, and assorted colors. The demand for this little article has become enormous, and is increasing daily.

L. C. STYLES, the patentee of the La Russe mourning paper, wishes to warn the trade against infringing on his patent, which runs for thirty years, as infringements will promptly be prosecuted. The only parties authorized to use the La Russe border at present are Myers Bros. and Porter & Bainbridge.

C. C. SHEPHERD has removed from 78 and 80 Centre street to 204 and 206 West Houston street, near Varick street, New York, where he will have increased facilities for manufacturing, and will add to his list of new goods.

MR. RALPH TRAUTMAN, of the firm of Kaufmann & Co., 83 and 85 Duane street, left for Europe on the steamer Germanic on the 21st instant. He will make an extended tour in search of novelties for the fall trade.

BAKER, PRATT & CO., 142 and 144 Grand street, New York, have a new line of imperial linen papers, which are very fine, and in all the fashionable tints. Samples will be furnished on application.

MR. BOORUM, of Boorum & Pease, Reade street, New York, has just returned from his trip to Florida, where he has been recreating for several weeks past.

THE firm of Stetson & Hawkins having dissolved, Mr. Wm. M. Stetson will continue the business at the old stand, 48 State street, Albany.

R. C. CARTER, of Kingston, Canada, has just received a patent for a loop-strap envelope.

J. A. THOMPSON, Chicago, Ill., has just received a patent for a coin-detector.

OBITUARY.

FRANCIS HART.

FRANCIS HART, one of the oldest master printers of New York. founder and senior of the house of Francis Hart & Co., well known to the book trade, died this week at his residence in Brooklyn, at the age of 62 years. He was born in New Bedford, Mass., and at 12 years of age began work in the printing office. In 1838 he established himself in this city, and steadily won high reputation for careful and fine work. In business and social life he was honorable and agreeable, and the trade feeling of respect was testified to by the large attendance of members of the printing and book trades at his funeral. The pall-bearers were Roswell Smith, of Scribner & Co.; David Wolfe Bruce and James Lindsay, of Geo. Bruce, Son & Co.; John McKillop, of McKillop, Sprague & Co.; D. B. Halsted, President of the National Exchange Bank, and Clement Beebe.

BOOK NOTICES.

FROM TRADITIONAL TO RATIONAL FAITH, by R. Andrew Griffin. (Roberts.) This is a volume (the latest issue of the "Town and Country Series") that will prove very acceptable reading to a numerous class of readers. Scepticism, in all its varied forms, is so marked a feature of the day that the progress of a doubting mind from pure orthodoxy to liberalism cannot but awaken an interest in every thinking person, who will also rejoice at the foothold Mr. Griffin still leaves them, while discarding all beliefs derived from the traditions of the Bible. The work is autobiographical, and begins with an account of the writer's early life, the early religious influence brought to bear upon him, and then the unrest that took possession of him. This is followed by a review of church history and the Scriptures, while a succeeding chapter tells "How I found Him" and "What He is to me." "Temptation" and "Rest and Re-equipment" are the subjects of the concluding chapters. The work is epitomized in the sub-title, "The Way I came from Baptist to Liberal Christianity," resting at last, we may add, in the fellowship of the Unitarian Church. 16mo, cloth, $1.

OUT OF THE QUESTION, a Comedy, by W. D. Howells. (Osgood.) This is an amusing trifle, with just a thread of a plot, about the love of a young society girl for a brave young fellow without any social position other than his brains has gained him; the idea of marriage with him is scouted by herself and friends at first as quite "out of the question." The charm of the story is in the piquant way in which it is handled, and in its bright, clever dialogue. It was originally published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, where it was much read and admired. Uniform with "Little Classics." $1.

NICK WHIFFLES, the Trapper Guide, by Dr. J. H. Robinson. (Carleton.) The intense interest of this story may be in a measure imagined when we state the fact that it was reprinted three times in the columns of the *New York Weekly*, for which it was originally written. It is a story of Indian and border life, brimful of exciting incidents and hair-breadth escapes. It has a charming heroine and a handsome and manly hero, while the old trapper Nick Whifles and his dog Calamity are a never-failing source of entertainment. 12mo, cloth, $1.50.

MILLY DARRELL, by Miss M. E. Braddon. (Carleton.) This volume embraces ten short stories, taking its title from the first, "Milly Darrell," a romantic and interesting tale of love and poisoning in Miss Braddon's well-known style. 12mo, cloth, $1.

MISS NANCY'S PILGRIMAGE, by Virginia W. Johnson. (Harper.) Miss Nancy Hawse, a plain New England "school-marm" of uncertain age, finds herself one day the unexpected possessor of a small fortune. She determines to gratify a life-long desire, and starts off independently for several years' journey through Europe. On the steamer she meets an old lover who jilted her in youth. He is also bound for a European tour, and is accompanied by his wife and two children. Mutual explanations are brought about which color the rest of the story and strongly influence Miss Nancy's after-fate. Try as she will to avoid this party, Miss Nancy is continually meeting them all through her pilgrimage, and gets herself mixed up in their domestic troubles and the love-affair of their lovely daughter. The book is full of vivid descriptions of travel, besides having quite a well-defined plot. 8vo, paper, 50 cents.

THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, by J. Pickering Putnam. (American Metric Bureau, Boston.) A second edition, considerably enlarged, revised, and corrected. All matter pertaining to the metric system is brought up to date, while the progress that has been made towards its practical introduction

into the United States is fully noted. A short account of the Metric Bureau and its methods will also be found. Several pages of tables have been substituted, on the spelling, pronunciation, and abbreviation of the metric nomenclature, for the few paragraphs on this subject in the first edition. New wood-cuts have been added to the text, and a new chart, designed with great care and printed in colors, replaces the old lithograph. This chart can also be obtained separately. 8vo, cloth.

WHAT IS ART? or, Art Theories and Methods Concisely Stated, by S. G. W. Benjamin. (Lockwood, B. & Co.) The practical suggestions and ideas contained in this essay, clothed in the polished language of a cultivated mind, offer to the uninitiated a very comprehensive view of art in general in a very brief space. The essay has been delivered in the form of a lecture to several Massachusetts art institutes, always meeting with a warm appreciation. 8vo, cloth, 75 cents.

A WREATH OF INDIAN STORIES, by A. L. O. E. (Carter.) The stories contained in this volume have been written by A. L. O. E. since her arrival in India. As they were written to interest and amuse and instruct Oriental readers, they are given in quaint Oriental style, describing scenes and customs familiar to natives. They will be valued here both from their freshness and because every thing from her pen is sought for and loved. 16mo, cloth, 75 cents.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

LORING, of Boston, adds this week to his "Tales of the Day" a new story, "Will it be?" by Mrs. Helen J. Ford. It is a story of love and jealousy, and is sure to have readers enough. About the middle of May Mr. Loring will publish another "Tale of the Day," which he anticipates will create a sensation such as "Helen's Babies" has caused. It is entitled "Dot and Dime: Two Characters in Ebony; Life on a Southwestern Texas Ranche," by one of their Playfellows. "Dot" and "Dime" are negroes, and the story of their experiences and adventures from infancy to maturity affords opportunity to depict negro character and life as the author observed them. One who has read the story pronounces it unequalled in its pictures of the negro in all his simplicity, ignorance, affection, piety, and grotesqueness.

"THE RECOLLECTIONS OF SAMUEL BRECK," soon to be published by Porter and Coates, Philadelphia, is promised as a valuable addition to the autobiographical literature that occupies at the present time so large a share of the attention of the reading public. Mr. Breck was born in Boston, but spent the greater part of his life in Philadelphia, where he died in 1862, over 91 years of age. Almost from youth he kept a diary, in which he recorded family matters, society news, reflections on public affairs and men, passages from books he was reading, statistics,—in fact, whatever interested him and seemed worthy of preservation.

THE *Saturday Review*, not usually too kindly to American books, speaks of Whitaker's "Life of Custer" (Sheldon) as "eminently lively and readable," and says, at the close of a column and a half notice, that "few of the multitude of military biographies to which the war has given rise can be read with so much pleasure."

A VOLUME of "Adirondack Stories," first written by Rev. W. H. H. Murray for his paper, is to be issued by the *Golden Rule* Publishing Company, Boston. It will consist of "The Story the Keg Told Me," "The Man who didn't Know Much," and "Humorous Sketches."

A SECOND volume of Dr. Muhlenberg's papers is soon to be published, for the benefit of St. Johnland, by Mr. T. Whittaker. It will include the sermons, besides lectures, addresses, and other papers, representing the work of fifty years. The book is compiled by Anne Ayres, Sister Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital and St. Johnland.

THE new Sunday-school music book, "Welcome Tidings," by Messrs. Lowry, Doane & Sankey, containing the *last* compositions of the late P. P. Bliss, is now published, and the New York office of J. Church & Co., 805 Broadway, has a supply to fill orders.

HENRY HOLT & CO., New York, will shortly publish two new novels by authors already well and favorably known in the "Leisure Hour Series," to which these will be added. They are "Pauline," by L. B. Walford, author of "Mr. Smith," which was one of the successful novels of two years ago; and "Eugénie," by Miss Beatrice May Butt, author of that charming novel, "Miss Molly."

GINN & HEATH, Boston, have in press for publication in May, "The Odes of Horace in English Verse," by Caskie Harrison, Professor of Ancient Languages in the University of the South. This thin volume will comprise only the First Book, but it is hoped the public (or that part of the public which appreciates Horace in Latin, and can fitly judge of the success of an attempt to translate him into English poetry) will find it so satisfactory as to demand the completion of the work at Professor Harrison's hands.

PORTER & COATES will soon publish Hullah's "Music in the House," which is to be the next volume of the "Art at Home Series." The idea of this series, it is stated, originated with Messrs. Porter & Coates. It is published jointly with a London house, and is not simply an English reprint.

THE Boston *Transcript* thinks "A Modern Mephistopheles," the sixth No Name novel, "ought to create a sensation, for it is full of the Old Harry."

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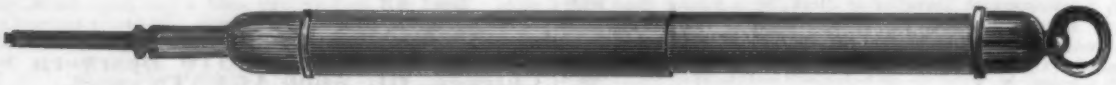

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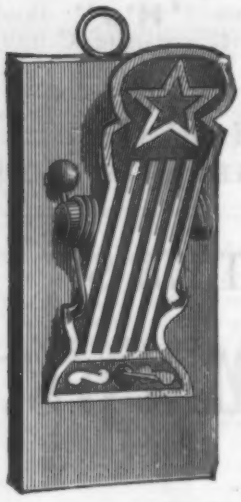

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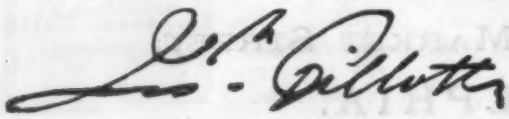

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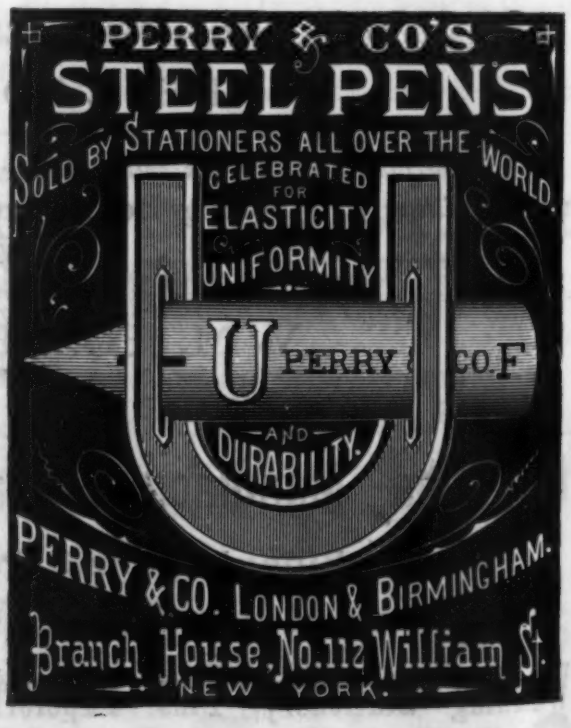

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